

WILLIAM FRANCIS RYAN*PROFILE BY A FRIEND*

William Francis Ryan, B. A., B. C. L., L. L. M., newly appointed Associate Professor of Law in the University of New Brunswick Law School, is a native of Saint John, an alumnus of four great universities, and, not least, a former practitioner at the New Brunswick Bar. A son of the late William M. Ryan, K. C., M. P., and Mrs. Ryan, he was born in 1920 and obtained his early education in the schools of Saint John. Upon graduation from St. Vincent's High School, he took Grade XII at Saint John High School and entered the university of New Brunswick in the fall of 1938.



The career of "Bill" Ryan at the University in Fredericton was a notable one. In addition to being Business Manager of the weekly student paper "The Brunswickan," he was in his Senior year President of the Student's Representative Council. Nor did his extra-curricular activities affect adversely his academic work; graduating with First Class Honors in History and Political Science, he was awarded the Governor-General's Gold Medal for highest standing in Arts. He thereupon spent a year doing special studies in History at the University of Toronto.

War had come and, unable to enter the Services, Bill forsook the campus for the Research and Statistics Branch of the Department of Labour in Ottawa. In 1944 he entered the U. N. B. Law School. When he left in 1946 he had won the Law Faculty prize for highest standing in the Third Year, and in the meantime he had worked for a summer with the late great Dr. Lon Richter at the Institute of Public Affairs in Dalhousie University.

Following admission to the Bar, Bill practiced for a year with a local law firm and then proceeded to Columbia University where he obtained the degree of Master of Laws. After a further year of practice, during which period he lectured part time at the U. N. B. Law School, he became holder of a Beaverbrook Scholarship at London University. He returned from Great Britain in September last to assume his new post.

It seems superfluous at this point to say that Bill Ryan is a keen and thorough student. Those who have heard him lecture know that his ability to express himself, while perhaps partially inherited, is acquired also, through continuous and intensive study. There is no substitute for the information so gained, and Bill Ryan does not try to find one.